Family Planning methods for birth spacing are being promoted as closely spaced pregnancies are a mojor cause of anaemia in women.

Target for use of Contraceptive

2854. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Medical Association is embarking on an ambitious project to help in achieving 60 per cent contraceptive usage target set by Government for the 2000 AD;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what would be the modus operandi of building a national promotional campaign for making contraceptive usage popular?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal in this regard has recently been received.

(b) Indian Medical Association (IMA) proposes to undertake competency based training with particular emphasis on knowledge, attitude and skills in all methods of family planning for the members of IMA. Three level workshops will be conducted including stimulated and clinical practice in Intra Uterine Device (IUD) insertions, vasectomy and mini laprotomy.

(c) Mass Media campaigns through press advertisements, hoardings, posters, radio commercials, TV spots etc. inter personal communication, counselling and augmentation of training programmes for various levels of health functionaries would be utilised for promoting usage.

Impact of Abortion on Pregnant Women's Health

2855. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of cases of abortion are registered every year in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action to prevent the negative impact of abortion on pregnant women's health ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information received from the States, year-wise statement of the medical termination of pregnancies performed during the last 5 years is as follows :—

Year	No. of Terminations done
1988-89	582161
1989-90	596357
1990-91	581215
1991-92	632526*
1992-93	649404*

*Provisional.

(c) Under the provisions of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, abortions are performed as a health measure. To prevent the negative impact of illegal abortions, 7178 institutions with trained personnel have been approved for providing safe abortion. Funds have also been provided to the States for purchase of equipments, drugs and dressings and for training of personnel. Family Planning Services are provided to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

World No-Tobacco Day

2856. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the measures that Government have adopted to observe the World No-Tobacco Day;

(b) whether Government have conducted any Survey of the population addicted to Smoking;

(c) whether Government have analysed the causes and the ways of initiation to Smoking; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The world no-tobacco day is observed by different Government and Voluntary organisations on the 31st May to create mass awareness about the ill-effects of tobacco consumption.